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## Joint Combatives Training



Photo by Alan Boedeker

Staff Sgt. James Clark, a military training instructor with the 322nd Training Squadron, bottom, attempts to break free from Staff Sgt. Mark Velasquez, a security forces instructor with the 343rd TRS, during a live grappling drill Tuesday at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Warhawk Fitness Center. Two Soldiers from Army III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, are here this week teaching the Modern Army Combatives Program course to instructors from Air Force Basic Military Training and the security forces technical school. The Army course will help enhance the Air Force's current combatives skills program taught to basic trainees and security forces students. For the full story, see next week's edition of the *Talespinner*.

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# Evolution of the Military Working Dog

By Marine Staff Sgt. Jessy Eslick  
Air Force Security Forces Center

I've been part of the U.S. Marine Corps K-9 family about 13 years. While serving, I've met and worked with some tremendous individuals from across all the U.S. military services. It is these individuals, showing a unique and proactive vision, who have steered today's Military Working Dog program.

Most handlers say that being part of a MWD team is the supreme job in the military for one reason – MWD teams save lives.

When I first entered the U.S. Marine Corps, the MWD program's main effort concentrated on the installation law enforcement mission. In 1999, the Marine Corps had fewer than 100 MWDs, and even fewer handlers, to certify and conduct the garrison mission.

It wasn't until 2003 that we began deploying handlers to integrate with infantry battalions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Military actions in OIF forced combat units to examine their way of conducting operations with canines in a war-time environment. Improvised explosive devices were on the rise in Iraq and Afghanistan and MWDs could help combat them.

We now have MWDs trained for specific combat and the law enforcement missions.

It's often said you can put three handlers or trainers together in a room and



the only thing they will agree on is that the third one is wrong. But what we all agree on is the worth of the dogs we work with and the value they bring to today's mission. Our MWDs are saving lives every day.

In June of 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Marines submitted a request to have dogs trained to identify, pursue, track and locate enemy or friendly forces. In 2005, the first course for combat trackers was conducted by a team of civilian trainers with Vietnam-

era tracking experience.

In 2007, the Marine Corps initiated a Combat Tracker Dog course. Today, the course is taught here at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

There is a great evolutionary process in getting an MWD capability to the individuals with boots on the ground. Sometimes this process takes years. Once a capability is available, it continues to change in order to effectively combat emerging threats.

The development of the MWD mission is not going to stop.

In my job as the staff NCO for research and development at the Air Force Security Forces Center, I get to participate in course changes that will steer the program within the next 10 years.

Some of our techniques are from the Vietnam era. They work but that doesn't mean there aren't other methods that may serve us well in the future. My job is to lean forward and find those best practices and help keep our MWD program emerging.

Growth is success on a continued basis. It helps us meet the mission today and sets us up to succeed in the future when new skills will be needed by those with boots on the ground.

Remember the saying about three handlers in a room? Well times are changing and the DOD MWD program has figured out that the third handler or trainer just might have an important piece of knowledge in the evolution of MWD training. We are listening.

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The Action Line is your avenue for addressing issues you've been unable to resolve through your chain of command or an appropriate agency.

It also allows you to give feedback and recognize outstanding people and units.

If you leave your name and telephone number or email address, you will receive a reply.

Your contact information allows us to obtain more information, if needed, to help resolve your issue.

To submit an Action Line comment, email the JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs Office at [actionline@lackland.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lackland.af.mil).

For issues related to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, call the WHASC Action Line at 210-

292-4567, or email your request to [59mdw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:59mdw.pa@us.af.mil).

For issues related to basic training or technical training, email the 37th Training Wing at [37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil](mailto:37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil).

Items of interest may be printed in the Lackland Talespinner.

Anonymous inquiries will not be published.



## News in Brief

### AETC COMMAND CHIEF ENLISTED CALL

Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, Air Education and Training Command command chief master sergeant, will hold an enlisted call Wednesday, 3 p.m., at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph theater.

For Airmen unable to attend, the live enlisted call can be followed on Twitter at #AETCChief or Facebook at AETC Command Chief Master Sergeant.

### LISD BOARD OPENINGS

Today is the deadline to submit resumes for two projected openings on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The positions may be filled by anyone living or working on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Resumes must be submitted electronically by today to Lackland.slo@us.af.mil. Resumes submitted within the past 12 months for a board position are still on file and will be considered unless the Lackland School Liaison Office is notified.

For more information, call the Lackland School Liaison Office at 210-671-3722.

### SNCO INDUCTION CEREMONY

Tickets are on sale for the Joint Base San Antonio senior NCO induction ceremony June 23 at the JW Marriott resort.

For ticket information, contact:

JBSA-Lackland – Master Sgts. Rebecca Luckie, 210-671-8129; or Paul Zavitz, 210-671-8038;

JBSA-Randolph – Master Sgt. Cindy Wittnebel, 210-565-4825;

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston – Master Sgt. Debra Massa, 210-808-0215.

### SECURITY HILL TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Security Hill technology exposition, hosted by the Joint Information Operations Warfare Center, will be held June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Kisling Community Center.

More than 20 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in state-of-the-art communications, video and multimedia presentation capabilities, distance learning, integrated services, transport solutions, data management and storage, network encryption solutions, and hardware and software applications.

Visit [www.FederalEvents.com](http://www.FederalEvents.com) to pre-register for the event.

For more information, contact Lauren Kohr at 443-561-2454.

## KELLY DRIVE LANE CLOSURE



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dustin King

Kelly Drive will close to all eastbound traffic, between Chappie James Way and Truemper Street, starting Monday through Aug. 18. Kelly Drive will remain open to westbound traffic during this time. It is recommended commercial drivers use the Valley Hi Gate when leaving Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

## AF releases revised special duty assignment pay table

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – Beginning today, Airmen in some special duty assignments will receive adjustments in special duty assignment pay, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

Based on recommendations following a routine review of the program, Pentagon officials modified the program to ensure Air Force application meets legal criteria, said Master Sgt. Robin Childers, AFPC special programs branch manager.

“Board members analyzed each SDAP rule to make sure SDAP is paid only to Airmen whose duties are extremely difficult or involve an unusual degree of responsibility,” Childers said. “More than 12,000 enlisted Airmen currently get special duty assignment pay.”

Additions include eligible operations intelligence Airmen serving at Operating Location A, 68th Network Warfare Squadron, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Air Force Specialty Code 1T0XX (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) Airmen assigned to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., at the 336th Training Group, the 336th Training Support Squadron, or the 22nd Training Squadron or a 22nd TRS subordinate unit in Colorado, Alabama or Texas.

Special duty assignment pay will be reduced for military free fall parachute instructors at Yuma Proving Grounds, and air transportation Airmen performing aerial duty will no longer be authorized SDAP, said Childers.

For more information, visit the myPers website.

## AF launches civilian retirement tool

By Kathryn Iapichino

Air Force Personnel Center Benefits and Entitlements Service Team

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – Human resources officials added a new feature in May to the Employee Benefits Information System Web application that allows Air Force appropriated fund civilians to request benefits-related actions online.

The new HR Link module will help civilians prepare for retirement, request a retirement estimate and acquire the necessary paperwork to pay a military or civilian deposit.

“HR Link provides a means for civilians to submit a request for a retirement estimate as well as military and civilian deposit requests,” said Sharon Mack, Air Force human resources specialist with the Air Force Personnel Center’s Benefits and Entitlements Service Team. “The module asks a series of questions to help civilians submit their requests. After a request is submitted, they will be able to monitor the status of their requests through the myPers website.”

The module is the latest online tool developed by the Air Force Personnel Center Benefits and Entitlements Service Team to improve the customer service experience for civilians.

It is accessible on the Employment Benefits Information System, or EBIS, through the Air Force Portal or the myPers website. For more information on HR Link, go to the myPers website and enter 4408 in the search box. EBIS access instructions can also be found on myPers by entering 4872 in the search box.



# JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO



## 1ST QTR AWARD WINNERS



### Junior Enlisted Member



Senior Airman  
Jason Smith

*AF Intelligence,  
Surveillance and  
Reconnaissance  
Agency*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Junior Enlisted Member Honor Guard



Senior Airman  
Leobardo Leija III

*59th Medical Wing*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Noncommissioned Officer Honor Guard



Tech. Sgt.  
Terri  
Taylor-Trapp

*433rd Training  
Squadron*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Noncommissioned Officer



Tech. Sgt.  
Kimberly Wolfe

*93rd Intelligence  
Squadron*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Senior Enlisted Member



Master Sgt.  
James Rogers

*802nd Force  
Support Squadron*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Company Grade Officer



Capt.  
Erika Chute

*AF Personnel  
Center*

*JBSA-Randolph*

### Civilian Wage Grade



John Adams

*802nd  
Civil Engineer  
Squadron*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat I



Debra Sevening

*559th  
Medical  
Operations Group*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat II



Barry Park

*688th Information  
Operations Wing*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat III



Thomas Flores

*688th Information  
Operations Wing*

*JBSA-Lackland*

### Civilian Supervisory Cat I



Michael Howell

*12th Flying  
Training Wing*

*JBSA-Randolph*

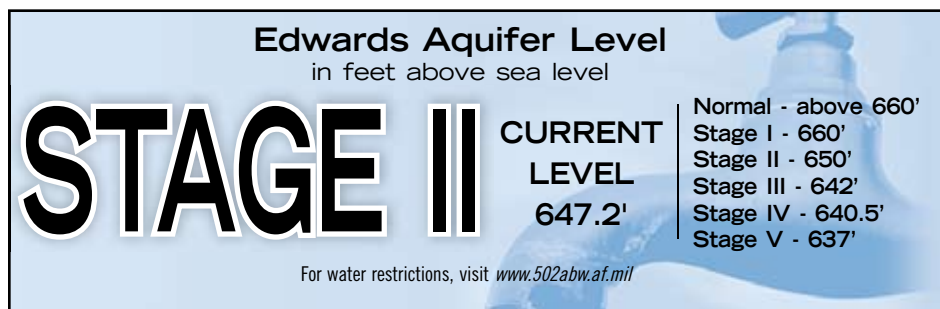
### Civilian Supervisory Cat II



Stephen Ninotta

*3rd Combat  
Camera Squadron*

*JBSA-Lackland*



## Program highlights coexisting with wildlife

By Sharon Amann  
JBSA-Lackland Library

With a population of more than 1.1 million people and a geographical span of hundreds of miles of suburban and rural landscapes, San Antonio is home to wildlife not normally found in urban America.

Despite its urban core, the country's seventh largest city is home to coyotes, raccoons, deer and cougars.

Coexisting with wildlife in close proximity is the subject of a Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Library program, "Armadillos, Opossums, and Coyotes, OH MY," presented by Jessica Rice, volunteer and intern coordinator at Wildlife, Rescue and Rehabilitation, an organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife.

The special program takes place June 23 at 1 p.m. During her presentation, Rice also will have information on how to become a WRR volunteer.

"Since these animals live near us, it's important we know what to do when we encounter an opossum, skunk, or a raccoon on our property," said Rice. "There are non-lethal ways to repel them."

Rice will discuss how people can share their backyards with urban wildlife in a positive way.

"There are a lot of myths about native wildlife and my goal is to separate fiction from fact and help folks see how important these animals are to our local environment," Rice said.

The WRR-San Antonio drop-off facility, located at 137 Earl St., accepts injured and orphaned wildlife every day of the year.

"More than 7,000 native animals are brought to WRR every year," said executive director Bill Wilkinson. "The majority are rehabilitated and released, though we provide a permanent home for wolves, bears, cougars, primates, and non-indigenous birds and reptiles.

"We occasionally help out other areas of Texas and the U.S., too, if they have wild animals that need sanctuary," Wilkinson said.

The WRR offers opportunities for volunteers who want to learn how to care for the hundreds of wildlife species in south Texas who may be recovering from injuries and illnesses or rescued from the trauma of being orphaned.

For more details, call 210-671-6606.



THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
**BAND OF THE WEST**  
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, TEXAS

# Holiday Artwork Contest

**The USAF Band of the West is seeking artists and graphic designers**

**Eligibility:** San Antonio Area residents, any age

**What:** Design cover artwork for 2012 Holiday in Blue concert program

**When:** JPG design must be received by July 1, 2012

Submit Design to: [band.media@usa.af.mil](mailto:band.media@usa.af.mil)

Chosen artwork will be featured on all Holiday in Blue promotional materials, and the artist will be recognized as a featured guest at all performances this December.

For more information  
visit [www.bandofthewest.af.mil](http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil)







**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION*****Triggered Source Monitoring and Reporting Violation*****Ground Water Rule**

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, PWS ID# 0150114, failed to collect the required number of triggered source bacteriological samples for fecal indicator monitoring of the ground water system during March 2012. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Triggered source samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of fecal indicator bacteria. Following a positive routine total coliform result in our distribution system, our water system is required to submit one triggered source sample for every active ground water well. Failure to collect all required triggered source samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

Subsequent triggered source bacteriological samples were collected at the four active wells and the results were negative for all of the samples.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, contact:  
802nd CES/CEANC: 210-671-5383 • 559th AMDS/SGPB: 210-671-7061



## BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 67 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 671 Air Force basic military trainees graduating today:

### 320th Training Squadron *Flight 409*

William Anderson  
Charles Brumley  
Zachary Fowler  
Adrian Jenkins  
Kevin Johnson  
Jonathan Kelly  
Christopher Lovelock  
Jacob Orth

### *Flight 410*

Wesley Clark  
Joseph Fernandez  
Nathaniel Frank  
Oziel Garcia  
Tyler Griffin  
Christopher Wetzel  
Derek Wooten  
Ryan Zeckser

### 321st Training Squadron *Flight 403*

William Eaton  
Henry Mattingly  
Michael Mikesell

### *Flight 404*

Adam Cackerman  
Daniel Brophy  
Alexander Brown  
Nicholas Corripio  
David Evenson

### *Flight 407*

Kevin McCraney  
Brandon Piper  
Quentin Powell  
Michael Rosendo  
Kurt Schneider  
K. Timbo

### *Flight 408*

Stevie Dawson  
Caitlin Doherty  
Kayla Kearney  
Renee Peltoniemi  
Jessica Williams  
Sylvia Zamora

### 322nd Training Squadron *Flight 401*

Gianni Basile

### *Flight 402*

Evan Moore  
James Nunn

### *Flight 405*

Scott Kindinger  
Travis Kling  
Braden Moore

Danny Rangel  
Justin Stetler

### *Flight 406*

Declan Blackman  
Austin Burke  
Rodrigo Luna-Colato  
Isai Sanchez

### 323rd Training Squadron *Flight 411*

Dominic Hermann  
Zackery Jannink  
Kyle Jones  
Zachary Oettle  
Diego Velazquez

### *Flight 412*

Sonja Septon

### 326th Training Squadron *Flight 399*

Brandon Browne  
Tyler Jarvis  
Paul Nguyen  
Thomas Pham  
Zachary Siegel  
Jad Strutzel  
John-Todd Van Hove  
Evan Zalesak

### *Flight 400*

Callie Brown  
Alexis Cox

Jenny Duenas  
Robyn Hull  
Jessica Meeks

### Top BMT Airman

Wesley Clark, 320th TRS, Flight 410

### Most Physically Fit

#### *Male Airmen*

Grant Myers, 323rd TRS, Flight 411  
Ryan Runion, 320th TRS, Flight 409  
Omar Rivera-Pellot, 320th TRS, Flight 409

#### *Female Airmen*

Robyn Hull, 326th TRS, Flight 400  
Bobbi Moreland, 323rd TRS, Flight 412  
Josefina Sabori, 326th TRS, Flight 400

#### *Male Flights*

326th TRS, Flight 410  
320th TRS, Flight 409  
322nd TRS, Flight 406

#### *Female Flights*

326th TRS, Flight 400  
323rd TRS, Flight 412  
321st TRS, Flight 408

### Top Academic Flights

321st TRS, Flight 406  
326th TRS, Flight 399  
320th TRS, Flight 410

## MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL

### *Class 120413 Graduates*

The following Airmen graduated from  
the Military Training Instructor School June 1:

Staff Sgt. Courtney Hill, 320th Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joshua Plummer, 321st TRS

Staff Sgt. Daryll Clark, 322nd TRS

Staff Sgt. Domimic Durgin-Rodriguez, 323rd TRS

Staff Sgt. Joshua Lipp, 326th TRS

### *Commandant's Award*

Tech Sgt. James Brant, 326th TRS

### *Distinguished Graduate, Excellence in Instruction*

Staff Sgt. Steven Parina, 331st TRS





Photos by Robbin Cresswell

Tech. Sgt. Brian Fisher, an instructor at the Military Training Instructor School, is the Air Force's outstanding basic military instructor of the year for 2011.

# Air Force MTI, MTL of the Year



Master Sgt. Alucia Davis, superintendent of military training at the 37th Training Support Squadron, is the Air Force's outstanding military training leader of the year for 2011.

## Selection surprises BMT instructor

By Mike Joseph  
Senior Writer

When Tech. Sgt. Brian Fisher heard his name called as the 2011 Air Force Military Training Instructor of the Year, it took him by surprise.

"Shocked," said Fisher about his reaction to being selected for the award at the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Airman of the Year awards banquet, held at nearby Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph recently. "It's a tough competition. You go up against the best MTIs and any one of them could have won it."

"When they called my name, it was more of a shock just because of the caliber of instructors you're up against," he said.

To Senior Master Sgt. Laroy New-

house, former training superintendent at the 322nd Training Squadron, and Fisher's former supervisor in 2011, the selection came as no surprise.

"Sergeant Fisher was a unanimous choice as our Blue Rope of the Year in the 322nd," said Newhouse. "He definitely stood out. He was a role model and our 'go-to' guy."

"He adapts to any situation, and that is why he deserves to be MTI of the Year," Newhouse added.

During the award year, Fisher was selected No. 1 out of 50 instructors in the squadron.

He served as NCO in charge of military drill and ceremonies for the unit, and was also a distinguished NCO Academy graduate.

Fisher also helped raise \$50,000 for the Combined Federal Campaign, and served as the squadron's Sexual

Assault Prevention and Response representative.

Between his squadron activities, Fisher also earned 21 credit hours toward a social and criminal justice degree, making the Dean's List with a 4.0 average.

Last spring, Fisher was part of an Air Force MTI and Army drill sergeant exchange program that gave both services an opportunity to evaluate basic training processes from each other's perspectives.

The NCOs, subject matter experts from both the services, expect to apply what they've learned to help enhance the development of future military leaders.

"Fisher was our squadron leadership's premier choice to help mentor (Army Staff Sgt. David Peters) during the Air Force and Army exchange pro-

gram," Newhouse said.

With Fisher serving as Peters' MTI team instructor/trainer, their basic training flight graduated in the top 10 percent of its class.

An 11-year veteran, Fisher arrived at JBASA-Lackland in June 2009.

He spent more than two years as an MTI, and recently became an instructor at the MTI school, where they train the trainers.

While he enjoys teaching at the school, Fisher admits it wouldn't take much to have him return to his former job as an MTI.

"I'd go back in a minute," Fisher said. "I became an MTI to develop and mentor our newest Airmen. Seeing the potential we send out every 8.5 weeks into the U.S. Air Force - you just can't imagine that. That's the most amazing thing we do here as MTIs."



## MTL recipient credits family support

By Jose T. Garza III  
Staff writer

The superintendent of military training, 37th Training Support Squadron, was recently selected as the 2011 Military Training Leader of the Year.

Master Sgt. Alucia Davis received the award for her service as an MTL with the 37th TRSS Airman Transition Assistance Flight in 2011.

A native of Donovan, Ill., Davis has been a MTL for seven of her 18 years of active-duty service.

Some of Davis' accomplishments during the award period included standing up the 37th Training Group's Airman Transition Assistance Flight, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's first-ever MTL Advisory Council, and the base's first drill-down competition.

"I'm humbled, thankful, and very blessed to receive this award," Davis said. "I have a family and a husband who supports me."

Davis calls her husband, Senior Master Sgt. Keith Davis, superintendent for the Military Personnel Section, 802nd Force Support Squadron, her mentor.

It's he who persuaded Davis to become an MTL.

"He asked me one day, 'Hey, what do you think about being a military training leader?' and I said that I wasn't interested and I enjoyed my job in personnel," Davis said.

"He told me that I needed to think outside the box. He pushed me outside my comfort zone so I could be an MTL and I fell in love with it," she said.

While Davis credits her husband for encouraging her to continue to achieve more success than she has already ob-

tained, her husband said he takes very little credit for her achievements.

"If she wants to give me a percentage of credit, it needs to be .01 percent and she needs to take the other 99.99 percent because she put in all the hours of hard work and stood up the programs she was involved in," he said.

While at the ATAF, the 37th TRSS' goal was, "to have a lot of character development for the Airmen and trainees who were about to leave the Air Force," Davis said. "Sometimes they get forgotten so it was our job to help prepare them for civilian life."

"We would set up the College Level Examination Program for them," she said. "The Airman and Family Readiness Center gave us briefs on how to teach them resume writing classes and the financial aspects of saving money

because most wouldn't know how long it would be until they found a job."

When Davis is not preparing Airmen for military training, she is involved in other projects.

The military training leader of the year is currently the JBASA-Lackland Top III vice president. The Top III is the largest private organization in JBASA.

While helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity, she logged 370 volunteer hours and supervised a home build for local underprivileged families.

She is currently working on her applied arts and sciences degree with the University of Incarnate Word.

"I like staying busy and participating in projects I believe in," said Davis. "I don't do projects just to get promoted. I like helping people and making a difference anywhere I can."





## **FOSTER a PUPPY**



**The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months.**

**Potential foster families need:**

- **time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months,**
- **a stimulating and safe home environment, and**
- **a desire to help raise a military working dog.**

**Call 210-671-3686**

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### JUNETEENTH PARADE, CEREMONY

A Juneteenth Freedom parade down East Houston Street is Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon.

The parade starts at East Houston and North Cherry Streets, near downtown San Antonio, and ends at the Freeman Coliseum. Freeman Coliseum is located next to the AT&T Center.

Following the parade, a historical ceremony and other activities are scheduled in Exhibit Hall C behind the coliseum. Those events run from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.juneteenthusa.com](http://www.juneteenthusa.com).

### LPAG PLAY THIS WEEKEND

A Lackland Performing Arts Group play, "Steel Magnolias," is this weekend at Arnold Hall Community Center.

Performances are scheduled for tonight and Saturday starting at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for age 65 and older, \$10 for technical training students, and \$5 for children under 10.

For details, call 210-671-2619.

### 802ND LRS SUPPLY TRAINING

The 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Equipment Accountability Element will conduct three customer supply training classes Wednesday in Bldg. 5160, second floor conference room. The classes are Block I General Supply Training, 8 a.m.; Block II Bench Stock Training, 8:45 a.m.; and Block III Equipment Custodian Supplemental/Refresher Training, 9:30 a.m.

Call Ray Holland or Rain Virgino at 210-925-1140/2514 to register.

### FAMILY HOUSING BURGER BURN

A Lackland family housing town hall burger burn is today, noon, at the main Lackland Community Center. The community center is located at 2254 Brian McElroy St., off Trumper Street, behind the Lackland Youth Center.

The event will also provide a forum for housing residents to express ideas or concerns.

For details, contact Claudia Moreno at 210-674-9366 or visit the family housing website at [www.LacklandAFBFamilyHousing.com](http://www.LacklandAFBFamilyHousing.com).

### 802ND MSG SECOND QUARTER AWARDS

The 802nd Mission Support Group

second quarter awards ceremony is June 28, 7:30 a.m., at the Gateway Club.

The cost is \$10.24 for club members and \$12.50 for non club members.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Tennin at 210-671-6616 or Staff Sgt. Shayla Johnson at 210-671-5583.

### RETIREE OFFICE SEEKS DIRECTOR

The Lackland Retiree Activities Office needs a volunteer to serve as office director.

For information, call 210-671-2728/9182, email Robert Zaske or visit the office in Bldg. 5616, Room 129.

### KELLY DENTAL CLINIC RELOCATION

The Kelly Dental Clinic will relocate its services to the Dunn Dental Clinic, Bldg. 6418, by July 31.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Nana Saahene at 210-671-9761 or Master Sgt. Janene Buchanan at 210-925-1846.

### KELLY FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC MOVE

The Kelly Family Health Clinic will relocate to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center June 25.

The clinic officially closes Thursday. When it reopens at WHASC, the name will change to Family Health Clinic. Patients requiring non-emergency medical needs should call 210-916-9900 for appointments.

The new clinic's entrance at WHASC will be located on the first floor across from the Internal Medicine Clinic. Patient parking is in Lot C.

For details, call 210-925-6336.

### NEW UNIFORM AVAILABLE ONLINE

The new Ripstop Airman Battle Uniform is now available at the Army and Air Force Exchange Services website, [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

This lightweight permanent press fabric is a 50/50 nylon-cotton blend that includes pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones. There are four pockets on the front of the shirt and a small pencil pocket on the left forearm.

The new RABU will be available in stores this fall.

### RETIRED ENLISTED MEETING

Retired Enlisted Association, Chapter 80, meetings are held at the Gateway Club every fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

For details call Don Higginbotham at 210-658-2344.

### PARTNERSHIP TO ASSIST VETERANS

Texas State Students in Free Enterprise and Caritas of Austin have partnered together to help provide impoverished veterans and others with hope and connect them to resources needed for self-sufficiency.

With 26 percent of the homeless population in the United States comprised of veterans, Caritas helps provide housing services to assist people in connecting to transitional and permanent housing and maintaining their current housing stability. Caritas also seeks to provide integrated services to help people remain self-sufficient with programs in education, employment food and refugee services.

SIFE is a global, non-profit organization of student teams on more than 1,600 university campuses in 40 countries. SIFE offers students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

For details about the partnership, visit [www.caritasofaustin.org](http://www.caritasofaustin.org).

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Christian

#### Catholic

*Monday-Friday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Daily Eucharist, 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation after Eucharist

*Sunday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Religious Ed., 9 a.m.

Eucharist, 11 a.m.

Spanish Mass, 8 a.m.

### Orthodox

*Saturday:*

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

Religious Ed., 10:45 a.m.

### Protestant

*Saturday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

Seventh-Day Adventist Service, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

*Sunday:*

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel

Liturgical Service, 8 a.m.

#### Freedom Chapel

Contemporary Service, 9:30 a.m.

Gospel Service, 12:30 p.m.

Children's Church provided Religious Ed., 11 a.m.

*Wednesday and Thursday:* Bible Study, 6 p.m.

*Sunday:*

#### Hope Chapel, Bldg. 10338

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 8-10 a.m.

### Islamic

*Friday:*

Global Ministry Center, Bldg. 7452

*Friday:*

Jummah Prayer, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Religious Ed., 9-11 a.m.

### Jewish

*Friday:*

### Airmen Memorial Chapel

Sabbath Eve Service, 4 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Religious Ed., 12:30 p.m.

### Wicca

*1st Wednesday:*

#### Freedom Chapel Room 8,

San Antonio Military Open Circle, 6 p.m.

### Buddhist

*Sunday:*

BMT Reception Center, 10 a.m. to noon.

### Eckankar

*Every first, third, fifth Saturday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

### Baha'i

*Every first, third, fifth Sunday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

For more details, contact

**Freedom Chapel**  
**671-4208**

**Gateway Chapel**  
**671-2911**

**Hope Chapel**  
**671-2941**

## KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Air Force Aid Society	671-3722
Airman & Family Readiness Center	671-3722
Airman's Attic	671-1780
Base Post Office	671-1058
Bowling Center	671-2271
DEERS	800-538-9552
Exceptional Family Member Program	671-3722
Family Child Care	671-3376
Legal Office	671-3362
Library	671-3610
Medical Appointment Line	916-9900
MPF ID Cards	671-6006
Outdoor Recreation	925-5532
TRICARE Info	800-444-5445
Thrift Shop	671-3608

Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">www.lacklandesc.org</a>
Lackland Force Support Squadron	<a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">www.lacklandfss.com</a>
Lackland ISD	<a href="http://www.lacklandisd.net">www.lacklandisd.net</a>
Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandosc.org">www.lacklandosc.org</a>
Lackland Public website	<a href="http://www.lackland.af.mil">www.lackland.af.mil</a>
My Air Force Life	<a href="http://www.MyAirForceLife.com">www.MyAirForceLife.com</a>



# What's Happening

## Family Support Events

### JUNE 15

#### BMT FAMILY SEMINAR

The Air Force Basic Military Training Family Seminar is today at noon in the BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246.

The seminar provides information on the Air Force and its benefits to family members of graduating Airmen.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

#### COUPON SAVERS MEETING

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland scissor savers coupon group meets today, 1-3 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, email [LAFBscissorsavers@gamil.com](mailto:LAFBscissorsavers@gamil.com).

### JUNE 18

#### FAMILY READINESS BRIEFING

A mandatory family readiness briefing for personnel who are deploying is Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at

the Airman and Family

Readiness Center. The briefing is for personnel who are deploying longer than 30 days, or who are going on remote assignments.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

#### RETURN AND REUNION SEMINAR

A return and reunion seminar is Monday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The seminar is an informal forum for family members who wish to talk about their individual experiences and the stress caused by deployment-related separations.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

### JUNE 19

#### AMVET REPRESENTATIVE

An American Veterans National Service Officer is available to help with disability claims Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

## Monthly Meetings

#### ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.lacklandesc.org](http://www.lacklandesc.org).

#### OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month. For information, visit [www.lacklandosc.org](http://www.lacklandosc.org).

#### MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Military Council of Catholic Women meets the first Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel. For information, call 210-671-4208.

On the web [www.lacklandfss.com](http://www.lacklandfss.com)

For additional information, call 210-699-5087.

### JUNE 19-21

#### TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A three-day transition assistance program for separating or retiring military personnel is Tuesday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. each

day, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The job search seminar, taught by the Texas Workforce Commission, focuses on multiple employment-related topics.

Pre-separation briefing attendance and a completed Department of Defense Form 2648 are prerequi-

sites for the seminar. For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

### JUNE 20

#### RIGHT START ORIENTATION

Right Start Orientation, a class designed for Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland newcomers, is Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Gateway Club.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

### JUNE 21

#### TEXAS DPS RECRUITMENT

An information booth about jobs in the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

The booth provides information on how to apply for DPS jobs.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

#### PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE

A Prevent the Summer Slide workshop for parents is Thursday, 11

a.m. to noon, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

On average, research indicates children are set back 25 percent in reading and math each summer. The workshop shows simple ways for parents to engage their children in summer educational activities without them noticing.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

#### PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

The Protestant Women of the Chapel group meets for Bible study Thursday, 6 p.m., at Freedom Chapel.

### JUNE 22

#### BMT FAMILY SEMINAR

The Air Force Basic Military Training Family Seminar is June 22 at noon in the BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246.

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# Uniting families through bowling

## Base first sergeants bring joy to special needs children and their families

By Jose T. Garza III  
Sports Editor

As every parent knows, seeing your children happy is priceless.

Master Sgt. Sherlock Walker can relate to that assessment as the father of two children.

Walker helped organize an event that allowed other parents to create more enjoyable moments with their children.

Walker and Master Sgt. Nicole Basnight, first sergeants representing Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland First Sergeants Council, coordinated a bowling event for special needs children Saturday at the Skylark Bowling Center.

Over 50 individuals attended the event that included two free games of bowling, shoes and pizza.

The two master sergeants coordinated a similar event for special needs children prior to Saturday's event engaging them in the world of cinema.

"We did a movie night for special needs families with support from JBSA-Randolph," Walker said. "From the positive feedback we received, parents asked when the next event would be."

Walker credited Basnight for turning their second event into a bowling affair at JBSA-Lackland.

Basnight found out the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center had funding for the event. Thanks to the funds the center provided, Basnight began to organize a free special needs event with the bowling alley.

The smiles on the children's faces as they competed against each other in a friendly game of bowling made Basnight somewhat emotional.

"I am so happy to have had the opportunity to put the event together as part of the JBSA-Lackland First Sergeants Council," she said. "My gold star was to see the children's smiling faces that day."

Basnight will soon engage in conversations with Wanda Cooper, JBSA-Randolph exceptional family member coordinator, about putting together the council's third special needs event.

Whether it's another movie night or bowling, Walker said the purpose is to unite families and put smiles on the children's faces.

"What I heard from parents is there are not too many times when they can go out and have a great time with their children," Walker said. "They go to different events, and it's like a problem having their children there."

"For the parents to have fun with their children and also bond with other parents going through the same thing is a positive feeling."

To Walker, being involved in these free events is something he can't put a price on.

"Coordinating these special needs events and seeing families have a good time is something I can do for free all day," he said. "It's very overwhelming, and it's the reason why I do what I do as a first sergeant."



Photo by Alan Boedeker

Lloyd Harris helps son Richard, 12, bowl during a special needs bowling event sponsored by Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland First Sergeants Council Saturday at the Skylark Bowling Center.



## UPCOMING

### TALONS OFFER MILITARY SPECIAL

The San Antonio Talons have designated Saturday's Arena Football League home game against the Iowa Barnstormers as military appreciation night.

To recognize service members, the Talons have a "buy one, get one free" special for military service members who attend the game.

A free tailgate party in the Alamodome parking lot begins at 3 p.m. The game kicks off at 7 p.m.

### MILITARY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Commander's Cup Military Softball Tournament is June 23-24. U.S. Specialty Sports Association points will be awarded.

The entry fee is \$225. Registration ends Monday. Call Dwayne Reed at 210-671-2725 for more information.

## SCOREBOARD

### SOFTBALL

Competitive	W	L
1. 802nd FSS	9	1
2. NIOC/ Co H	7	2
3. 343rd TRS	6	3
4. Radiology	4	4
5. 149th FV	3	4
6. 737th TRG	2	6
7. 341st TRS	2	7
8. Civil Eng Sq	1	7

Intermediate	W	L
1. 668th ALIS	14	0
2. Security Forces	12	2
3. 37th TRSS	11	4
4. 802nd OSS	10	3
5. Crypto Div	9	5
6. Dental Gp	8	4
7. IAAFA	8	6
8. AFISRA	7	5
9. 624th OC	6	5
10. AFSVA	6	7
11. 543rd Spt Sq	6	8
12. 59th CPSG	5	9
13. 717th MI Bn	5	9
14. DLIELC	5	10
15. 802nd LRS	4	10
16. 344th TRS	4	10
17. AFPAA	1	11
18. 688th IOW	1	14

Recreation	W	L
1. 433rd AFRC	8	2
2. 453rd EWS	7	3
3. 690th NSG	7	3
4. 35th IS	6	1
5. Co H/Marines	5	5
6. 802nd CPTS	4	6
7. 772nd ESG	2	9
8. 318th OSS	1	9

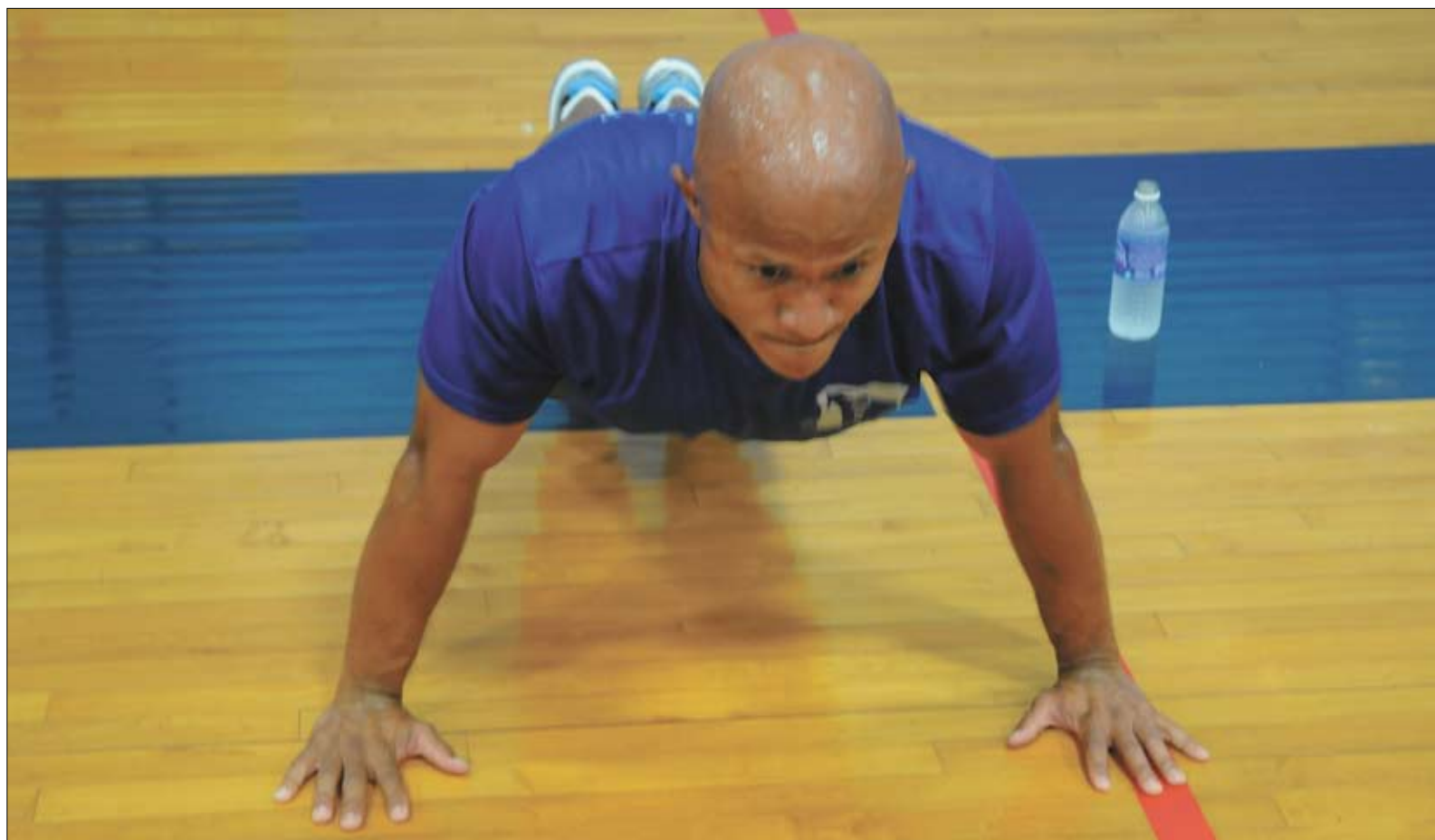


Photo by Delia Marchick

Clifton Staples, a master sergeant from the Robert Gaylor NCO Academy, competes in the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Top III Pushup-A-Thon June 8 at the Chaparral Fitness Center.

# 802nd LRS commands Pushup-A-Thon

By Jose T. Garza III  
Sports Editor

One senior airman reached a point of exhaustion after competing in a pushup fundraiser June 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Chaparral Fitness Center.

The exhaustion soon turned to soreness that lasted several days following the event.

But the soreness was worth it to Senior Airman Luisa Martinez, 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, after winning the ladies division of the JBSA-Lackland Top III Biannual Pushup-A-Thon.

In addition to being the ladies champion, Martinez also raised \$408 for the pushup fundraiser that raised over \$3,000 during the event and supports promotion ceremonies, academic scholarships, and quarterly and annual award functions.

Martinez credited her squadron members for their donations.

"My co-workers gave me a bunch of money. I didn't have to beg for it because I told them what cause I was doing it for," she said.

To gain first-place honors, Martinez completed 245 pushups in 10 minutes to best Amanda Dick, who completed 75 pushups. Her male counterpart, John Montana, completed 257 pushups to defeat Ernest Willich and Patrick Wilson to obtain first-place honors in the male division.

"I couldn't move around all weekend because my body was sore," Martinez said.

The senior airman is no stranger to competing in Air Force-sanctioned pushup events. She had participated in two similar 10-minute pushup events previously, and when the second JBSA-Lackland Pushup-A-Thon was announced, she jumped at the opportunity to participate.

"I love winning pushup contests, and competing in them because it is one physical fitness area that I excel in," she said.

One event organizer said the Pushup-A-Thon promotes physical fitness while also supporting JBSA-Lackland functions.

Samuel Simien, JBSA-Lackland Top III fundraising committee chairman, said the event unites members of all services and ci-

vilians to participate in the morale-boosting competition.

"(The Pushup-A-Thon) is a way to improve camaraderie and boost morale," Simien said. "It intermingles all the different units we have on base in a competitive forum. All in all, it's a very fun event."

With two Pushup-A-Thons on the books, Simien is happy with the turnouts for both events.

Having successful attendance does not mean there's no room for improvement.

"I can't say anything negative about the turnouts," he said. "One thing I would wish for is more participation from the different services we have here."

While the pushup-a-thon is currently a biannual event, Simien is considering holding a third competition this year.

"We say we only hold it twice a year, but we may do another one at the end of this year," he said. "For sure, this will be a themed event that we want to keep going and hopefully organizations, other than JBSA-Lackland Top III, will want to organize as well."